

# Welcome to the Mentor Michigan Summit!



# Why mentoring?

- **Willie** – First Gentleman Mulhern first became a mentor when he was in college
- **Chrissean** – Mulhern is now a mentor in a Lunch Buddies program
- **Brittney** – Governor Granholm's mentee
- **99%** - This is the number of formal mentors who would recommend mentoring to others



# Why Mentoring?

- Research has shown the positive effects of mentoring:
  - Improvement in grades
  - Improvement in school attendance
  - Improvement in family relationships
  - Prevention of drug and alcohol initiation
  - Reduced recidivism



# Our Vision is...

...a Michigan where all children are nurtured and supported

...a Michigan where all children grow into caring, contributing adults



# Our Vision is...

- A child could call 1-800-VOLUNTEER  
And say: “I don’t have a stable, caring adult in my life.”
- We could have him/her connected with an organization with a mentor on that very call.





# What exactly is mentoring?

A structured and trusting relationship that brings young people together with caring individuals who offer guidance, support, and encouragement aimed at developing the competence and character of the mentee



# Kinds of mentoring



- Traditional
- Peer
- Group
- E-mentoring



# Facts about mentoring

- 1.2 percent of all adults are involved with formal one-on-one mentoring
- Mentors in formal programs are most frequently:
  - Ages 18-44
  - Employed
  - Have some college education
- Non-whites and whites mentor equally in formal programs





# The mentoring gap

- 2.5 million children are being mentored
- 17.6 million young people between the ages of 10-18 are at risk of not reaching their full potential
- Only 14 percent of the young people needing mentors have them



# What is Mentor Michigan?

Mentor Michigan, led by Governor Jennifer Granholm and First Gentleman Mulhern, works to ensure that all of our youth have ongoing relationships with stable, caring individuals





*“Mentor Michigan awakens and nurtures the amazing potential in all youth”*



# What we believe

- Every child has a right to a caring adult in his or her life
- Everyone is responsible for the well being of our children including individuals, businesses, nonprofit and faith-based organizations, education institutions, and government.
- Volunteering is a significant way for people to enrich their lives by giving of themselves to children in their community



# What we'll do

1. Recruit talented and committed mentors
2. Create and engage a statewide mentoring network





# What we'll do

3. Develop and enhance partnerships with businesses, faith-based and nonprofit organizations, education institutions, and government
4. Advocate for issues and standards that promote high-quality mentoring



# What we'll do

5. Recognize the accomplishments of mentoring and the organizations that support them
6. Identify and secure resources to support the development and sustainability of mentoring programs



# What we'll do

7. Develop champions to promote and support mentoring
8. Increase public awareness about mentoring opportunities, needs, and the positive outcomes associated with it



# What we'll do

9. Provide training and support for mentoring programs
10. Collect, track, and share information about mentoring



# How we're structured

- Michigan Community Service Commission
  - Paula Kaiser
- Office of the First Gentleman
  - Joan Bowman





# You can help

- Let us know which of our 10 tasks are most important to you
- Give us candid feedback throughout the day
- Complete the Mentor Michigan survey ([www.mentoring.org/misurvey](http://www.mentoring.org/misurvey))
- Stay involved and in touch



# What's next?



- National Mentoring Month
  - January 2004



# What's next?

- Promoting 1-800-Volunteer
  - This number connects potential volunteers to the closest volunteer center or the Volunteer Centers of Michigan. They will connect mentors with mentoring organizations.
- Volunteer Centers of Michigan
  - (517) 492-2430
  - [www.mivolunteers.org](http://www.mivolunteers.org)



# Volunteer Centers

- If you're wondering if you have a Volunteer Center in your community
  - Visit [www.mivolunteers.org](http://www.mivolunteers.org), in the left margin hover over "Member Volunteer Centers" and then select "Directory of Michigan Volunteer Centers"
  - Or call 1-800-VOLUNTEER



# Stay connected!

- [www.mentormichigan.org](http://www.mentormichigan.org)
  - Future activities
    - National Mentoring Month Tools
- Michigan Community Service Commission
  - (517) 335-4295
  - Email: [Mentormichigan@michigan.gov](mailto:Mentormichigan@michigan.gov)
  - [www.michigan.gov/mcsc](http://www.michigan.gov/mcsc)





# Mentor Michigan Listserv

- Mentor Michigan listserv
  - This listserv is a way to communicate with each other via email
  - Send out one message and it gets to everyone who is registered
  - We will share information with you and you can share information with others
  - Sign on to the listserv at [www.mentormichigan.org](http://www.mentormichigan.org)



**thank you!**

